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Accused boys denied bail

COURTS Two young boys accused of murdering an Edmonton-area man and woman were denied bail yesterday in court, but their lawyers plan to apply for their release in August.

Proceedings have been adjourned until July 28.

One 14-year-old boy stands accused of two counts of first-degree murder and six other break and enter-related charges.

The second boy is charged with two counts of being an accessory after the fact. He has pleaded not guilty.

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Uproar over visa changes

FocusOn FirstNations

For the next week, Metro Canada will be focusing on First Nations and aboriginal news, community issues, arts and culture as part of a special series leading up to the Assembly of First Nations convention, July 21-23, in Calgary.

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Vickie Nelson, 17, Cheryl Whalley, 18, Jarrett Sami, 18, Katie Sherwood, 18, and Trianne Swanson, 16, dress up as their favourite characters from Harry Potter yesterday. Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince opened in theatres at midnight. **Review, pg 16**

Soccer teams turfed

7 squads suspended for protesting advance of other groups

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The ball is up in the air for seven teams in the Calgary Women's Soccer Association after the teams were told they were benched in the latest controversy clouding the league.

The teams were recently suspended and fined after weeks of refusing to play against two teams that were allowed into the league's Division 1 and Premier levels without having to start from the bot-

tom as the rules state, according to the former soccer association's president.

"This is unfair and their interpretation of the rules is different from everybody else's," said Efem Yildirim, spokesperson for the Concerned Soccer Group, which has started an online group to educate citizens.

Yildirim said a performance bond has been slapped on the teams, which is a \$1,500 deposit to play against the two teams in question, the latest development in the soccer squabble.

"We just want everyone to follow the rules."

Efem Yildirim,
spokesperson

cer squabble.

"It's hurtful ... We just want everyone to follow the rules. Why should these two teams be given a free pass?"

The controversy began when the Foothills Colts and the HPSA teams were allowed to shoot straight

to the top levels in the league despite a rule stating teams need to start no higher than Division 4 and then work their way up.

Calgary Villains coach John Rann said his team has also been disciplined for forfeiting a game against one of the teams last week. He said he will be appealing the notice.

Yildirim expects a meeting on Aug. 5, where he hopes the board will resign.

The CWSA vice-president did not return calls to Metro for comment.

U of C cutting 200 jobs

AMY GREGSON
for Metro Calgary

CUTBACKS Jobs at the University of Calgary are on the chopping block as the school is facing a \$14.3-million deficit.

Staff received an internal message from president Harvey Weingarten yesterday that 200 jobs will be cut — with more likely to come.

Colleen Turner, the school's vice-president of external affairs, said the cuts would affect support staff positions across the campus in positions such as IT, finance and administrative support.

The U of C has been in a hiring slowdown for the last six months, and many of the positions being cut are vacant, Turner said.

Staff reductions are just one of the initiatives being looked at, Turner added. Other reductions will be seen in faculty budgets and overall expenses at the university.

Turner said the university would try to raise revenue by increasing enrolment.

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An unknown male entered the CIBC in the 100 block of Stewart Green South West yesterday and demanded cash. Prior to exiting the bank the offender produced a canister and sprayed pepper spray into the air. The suspect is described as a Caucasian male, 35 years old, five-foot-six, with a beard. **METRO CALGARY**

Local



"There is no coming back. We negotiated an agreement that took a number of years ... but it's finished, unfortunately."

Premier Ed Stelmach, left, on the Calgary SW Ring Road deal, turned down by band members after 60 per cent voted against it June 30. **METRO CALGARY**

Calgary in brief

CONSERVATORY The Alberta government will be giving Mount Royal College \$20 million to help the college build its new conservatory of music. The conservatory of music will include a 650-seat performance hall, six practice rooms, 82 studios, two large studios and large rehearsal areas.

ARREST Banff RCMP has arrested a man in connection with an alleged sexual assault. The alleged sexual assault took place early Sunday morning on Squirrel Street in Banff. Police said the victim was sexually assaulted after being beaten in the head and face. The victim is recovering in hospital from minor injuries. Banff RCMP charged Allen Patrick Slade Viscount.

RIVER The Calgary Fire Department issued an advisory to the public for high river flow on the Elbow River yesterday. Increased flow from the upper watersheds combined with the continuous precipitation the city has seen and is forecasted to see more of, has resulted in the advisory. The high flow could result in the erosion of river banks and flooding of pathways, the advisory warns.

ECONOMY Economic activity is expected to contract by 2 per cent in 2009, according to the city's second quarter economic update. The economic report stated that activity should increase by 1.2 per cent in 2010 and then 3.4 in 2011. Total employment in the Calgary Economic region is expected to drop from 756,000 to 745,000 in 2009, and rebound to 755,000 in 2010. **METRO CALGARY**

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City may limit bagged trash

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Airdrie mother-of-three Valerie S. remembers when bag limits were implemented in 1992; it was a time when she had kids in diapers and had to resort to putting her garbage in dumpsters.

"I know it doesn't sound like much but with three kids in diapers, as a single mom I couldn't afford the extra \$2 a bag. I had to find other means," she said, adding dumpsters were locked up to combat other citizens resorting to the same.

"But besides having young children, I think it's doable. I think it encourages people to recycle more."

Ward 12 Ald. Ric McIver is putting forward a notice of motion to city council to do just that; implement a fee for extra garbage bags, something he said should be done since Calgary now has curbside recycling.

"I think it's as simple as



The city wants to put more restrictions and fees on single family residence to help less of it going to land fills.

that and no excuses not to. It'll give Calgarians a chance to use those expensive recycling bins they were forced to have," McIver said.

When asked about potential problems such as larger families and the is-

ssues they faced in Airdrie, McIver said the city could allow larger families to apply for extra bag limits.

"If you look for problem, you will find problems but if you look for solutions, you will find solutions and that's what I want to do,"

McIver added.

Airdrie's environment co-ordinator, Angela Brightwell, said the city has a 24 per cent waste diversion rate, much higher than the provincial average, since they implemented bag limits.

Methadone clinic gets second chance, will stay in Calgary

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for Metro Calgary

DRUGS Second Chance Recovery Clinic doors will remain open in Calgary after overwhelming positive response from Calgarians.

The methadone clinic had announced last week that they would shut their doors permanently in Calgary after being forced out of their current location in Braeside after negative

feedback from residences. "After the weekend and all the positive reports that came in to us, we decided to stick it out and find a place that is suitable for the clinic," said Bill Leslie, its director.

Leslie said that remaining open will help save people's lives.

Alberta Health Services is helping Second Chance look for a new location.

Leslie believes that there is a place in Calgary and



Second Chance Recovery Clinic will remain open.

that the ideal location would be in a light industrial area and not in a residential area.

The location in Braeside will remain open until a new home is found.

Currently, Leslie said that he hopes to have information days for the Braeside community to learn more about the clinic and voice any concerns.

"It's a small way but it's a start educate the communities to get them to understand what we are trying to do and that their neighbourhood won't change," he said.

Local man charged with sex assaults

AMY GREGSON
for Metro Calgary

CRIME A Calgary man has been charged with sexually assaulting three girls in cases dating back to 1998.

The Calgary Police are also asking the public for more information and if there are more potential victims.

"With historical disclosures you may end up with more victims," said Staff Sgt. Leah Barber.

"That's why we are extending the invitation if anyone has more information to call."

Police were made aware of the accused when one of the victims came forward in June 2009. Barber said the victims were between the ages of four and 12 at the time of the alleged assaults.

Barber said the girls were distant family members or friends of the accused.

Ronald A. Sayers faces charges of sexual interference with a child under the age of 16 and sexual assault.

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Ex-PM surprised, but happy about appointment

Former prime minister Jean Chrétien says he was surprised but happy to learn Queen Elizabeth had awarded him the exclusive Order of Merit, despite his penchant for salty language and willingness to sing badly in front of thousands of people, CBC News Online reports. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Canada



Patients, hospitals reach settlement

A group of breast cancer patients has reached a \$5.4-million agreement in principle in a class-action case against a dozen Quebec hospitals that was launched more than five years ago, CBC News Online reports. Lawyers announced the agreement in principle for the roughly 4,000 women, each of whom had waited more than 12 weeks for radiation therapy. The proposed settlement does not, however, include any agreement on the standard of care. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Cold didn't kill beetles: Officials

ALBERTA This past winter did not provide the bitter cold needed to kill the infestation of mountain pine beetles in the forests of Alberta, so human efforts must continue, officials said yesterday.

The risk of the beetle's spread remains highest in northwest Alberta, making it likely it will eventually reach Canada's huge boreal forests, although its tree-killing march east becomes more difficult because there are fewer pine trees to infest.

The Rocky Mountains are also infested and the area remains under threat, officials said. **REUTERS**

Claims too costly: Kenney

Minister defends visa restrictions as Prague recalls ambassador

The financial cost of handling the flood of asylum claims led directly to the controversial imposition of a visa requirement on Czech and Mexican travellers, Immigration Minister Jason Kenney says.

But the impact of the visa decision on the Conservative foreign policy agenda could be just as costly, threatening a proposed free trade deal with the European Union and marring a strategy of closer engagement with Latin America, observers warned yesterday.

Worker statistics

• The number of legal, temporary workers in Canada from Mexico rose 68 per cent, to 22,344 from 13,261, from 1998 to 2003, the latest year for which statistics are available.

By comparison, there were 110,075 legal, temporary workers admitted to the United States from Mexico in 1998, and 130,327 in 2003.

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Prague reacted fiercely to the move, calling Czech ambassador Karel Zbrakovsky home from Ottawa for consultations, and seeking support from the European Union. EU diplomats said the 27-nation bloc could re-

taliante by forcing any Canadians visiting the continent to get a visa, though that is considered unlikely.

EU spokesman Michele Cercone said the European Commission plans no immediate action but "re-

grets" Ottawa's decision and was seeking consultations with Canadian officials shortly.

"We expect the measures introduced by Canada to be temporary, and we hope that full visa-free travel between the EU and Canada is re-established soon," Cercone said.

Kenney said EU officials made no threats at a meeting yesterday.

"There was no intimidation whatsoever of any kind of retaliation," he said.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Outrage over new requirements

Mississauga Ont.'s Sharon Corona is expecting relatives from Mexico soon and has a few words for the government.

"If you run into (Prime Minister Stephen) Harper tell him he's lost my vote," the American Airlines employee said. Corona, like others, was livid with the decision to impose a visa requirement on Mexican tourists, who make up the fourth largest group of visitors to Canada each year.

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Bikers' tensions rose: Witness

TRIAL The key witness to the largest mass murder in modern Ontario history finally took the witness stand yesterday, looking more like a banker than an outlaw biker.

The witness, who is now living under a new name in a witness protection program, can only be identified as "M.H." to protect his identity.

Dressed in a neatly tailored blue business suit and tie, M.H. described, in a calm and even voice, mounting tensions within the outlaw motorcycle club in the year leading up to the slaughter of eight members of the Bandidos Motorcycle Club in April 2006.

The trial, now in its

Murders

• Four men each face eight counts of first-degree murder, after the discovery of bullet-riddled bodies in southwestern Ontario.

fourth month, earlier heard that M.H. was present during the slaughter of eight members of the Greater Toronto Area Bandidos in April 2006 near the tiny hamlet of Shedden, near London.

While M.H. did not testify about the murders yesterday, the former executive member of the Winnipeg Bandidos said that most Toronto members didn't want the Winnipeg-

gers to become full members of the club, and preferred to freeze them indefinitely at a probationary level.

That meant they couldn't make major decisions without the approval of the Torontonians.

One of the Winnipeggers' few supporters was longtime outlaw biker Wayne Kellestine, 60, who was the Bandidos national sergeant-at-arms, meaning he was in charge of club discipline, M.H. said.

The bodies of eight of his clubmates were found in abandoned vehicles 14 kilometres from Kellestine's farm west of London.

The trial continues.

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Edmonton Loops for troops



Members of armoured regiment Lord Strathcona's House competed against members of the media in a 1.6-kilometre (or a military mile) run yesterday at the Edmonton Garrison to promote Loops For the Troops walk and run, taking place on July 26 in that city.

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World



Madoff leaves luxury for life in prison

Bernard Madoff's prison life began yesterday, far from the luxury homes, sleek yachts and designer watches and clothes he accumulated in the years he ran Wall Street's biggest investment fraud. U.S. Prison officials said the 71-year-old swindler checked into the Butner Federal Correctional Complex in North Carolina. Last month, a judge sentenced Madoff to a total of 150 years on several criminal charges, including securities fraud, money laundering and perjury for a Ponzi scheme amounting to as much as \$65 billion US. **REUTERS**

China rebuffs genocide claim

UNREST China yesterday dismissed Turkey's accusation of genocide in its northwestern Muslim region of Xinjiang, where rioting killed 184 people, mostly majority Han Chinese.

Turkish Prime Minister Tayyip Erdogan said last week genocide was being committed in Xinjiang and called on Chinese authorities to intervene.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Qin Gang said the accusation of genocide simply did not make sense. Most people who died in the riots were Han and over the past few decades the Uighur population in Xinjiang had shot up, he said. "In which country could this be called genocide?" Qin told a regular news briefing.

"We hope that our Muslim brothers can realize the truth of the July 5 incident in Urumqi. Once they

Cultural bonds

- Turkish nationalists see Xinjiang as the easternmost frontier of Turkic ethnicity. Thousands of Uighurs live in Turkey.

know the truth, they would support our ethnic and religious policies and the measures the Chinese government has taken to deal with the incident."

The death toll included 46 Uighurs, a Turkic people who are largely Muslim and share linguistic and cultural bonds with Central Asia.

Turkey has sought to boost ties with China, the world's third-biggest economy. President Abdullah Gul last month became the first Turkish president to visit China in 15 years, signing \$1.5 billion US worth of trade deals, according to Turkish media. **REUTERS**

Officials kidnapped

Frenchmen posing as journalists taken in Somalia

Somali gunmen stormed into a Mogadishu hotel yesterday and kidnapped two French officials working as security advisers for the Somali government, witnesses and officials said.

A Somali government official, who asked not to be named, said the two Frenchmen had been posing as reporters for their own protection. "They were security consultants who arrived in Somalia to train State House security guards, not journalists," the official said.

The French Foreign Ministry confirmed that two French officials working as security advisers to the Somali government had been kidnapped. A ministry statement issued in Paris said the men were on an "official mission" when they were



People walk outside the Sahafi hotel where two foreigners were kidnapped in Somalia's capital Mogadishu yesterday.

seized by a group of armed men. "They were providing help in security matters to the transitional federal government of President Sheikh Sharif," it added.

With hardline Islamist insurgents battling government troops on a daily basis, Mogadishu is one of the most dangerous cities in the world. **REUTERS**

News in brief

AFGHANISTAN Six Ukrainians supplying British troops in Afghanistan were killed in a helicopter crash yesterday and two U.S. Marines and an Italian soldier were killed in what could become the bloodiest month in the eight-year-old war. Authorities in Moldova said the cargo helicopter was brought down by a missile. A total of 43 foreign soldiers have already died this month as U.S. and British troops simultaneously launched the two biggest operations of the war to seize Helmand province, the Taliban's opium-producing heartland.

SUDAN A Sudanese politician called yesterday for an inquiry into reports young women from Sudan's Christian south had been flogged for defying Islamic law by wearing trousers in Khartoum. Police arrested 13 young women earlier this month, accusing them of wearing indecent clothes in a cafe, and later flogged 10 of them, one of the arrested women told journalists. **REUTERS**

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Life-changing experience through arts



Tracee
Smith

Aboriginal students on reserves do not enjoy the rich programming those at publicly funded schools do. The majority of our 630 Aboriginal communities do not have the economic base — or geographic proximity — to offer dance classes, piano lessons, or graphic design instruction

that enrich the education of other Canadians.

Meanwhile, 70 per cent never graduate from high school, a figure that is critically important considering we are the fastest-growing population in Canada, with half of our 1.5 million people younger than 25.

But there are possibilities to inspire and nurture Aboriginal students.

I was once teaching dance in an isolated northern Ontario reserve when I realized how proud the youth were to perform in front of their

community. I thought: "What if I could get them performing in a huge theatre, with lights, and hundreds of people in downtown Toronto — how would those youth feel then?"

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formance they worked so hard to create. Through that event they feel what it is like to be treated like true stars — to get their hair and makeup done by professionals and sign autographs after the show.

While every participant has said OLI has changed their life, in some cases it has saved their lives. The majority of Aboriginal youth are considered at-risk with a lack of opportunities. Having these students succeed beyond their community boundaries gives them

hope that they can succeed as long as they work hard, stay in school, and pursue their passion and dreams.

I tell them it is up to them individually on how bright they want their light to shine, and each day is a choice to make that happen.

To learn about sponsorship and donation opportunities with OLI, go to www.olishow.net or email info@olishow.net

Tracee Smith, a member of the Missanable Cree First Nation in northern Ontario, is a professional dancer and choreographer and founder of Outside Looking In.

Views

Nisga'a at fore of historic legislation



Joseph
Quesnel

A historic conversation is occurring on a section of "Indian country" in northwestern British Columbia. Nisga'a First Nations people are debating legislation that may allow individual Nisga'a to own private land they can transfer to whomever they wish, Nisga'a or non-Nisga'a.

The Nisga'a Landholding Transition Act would permit individual Nisga'a to hold land in transferable "fee simple." Properties would be registered and protected in the Nisga'a Land Title Office.

This proposal would create real property rights, meaning land can be transferred to whomever one chooses.

This would be precedent setting since, under the Indian Act, on-reserve First Nations do not own their own land, which is held solely by the Crown.

On reserves, title is normally provided to individuals through certificates of possession distributed through band council. But these certificates are only transferable to other band members and exist at the whim of political leaders.

But Nisga'a, under their modern treaty passed by Parliament in 2000, are not governed under the Indian

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Act and their new agreement with the government placed ownership of Nisga'a land with Nisga'a Village governments.

Now, this same government proposes to allow individuals to claim residential plots. It is a small step, as the plots can be no more than 0.2 hectares (about half an acre), but this will allow for wealth creation and economic development on Nisga'a territory.

Wealth creation and poverty reduction are intimately connected to the institution of private property.

To grant individual property rights to Nisga'a residents will allow Nisga'a to leverage this land to secure credit and start businesses.

The debate in the Nisga'a territory must occur on First Nations territories everywhere.

Indigenous Canadians need to bring Indian Act bands and other indigenous communities into a robust system where land can be easily transferred to individual First Nations.

Then a real revolution for all indigenous people can occur.

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Former GE co-chair hospitalized for infection

Author and former General Electric Co. chairman and chief executive Jack Welch has been hospitalized in New York with a bacterial infection but is expected to recover, according to his office. REUTERS

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Home sales climb in June

John Cocomile can't seem to walk a few steps before his BlackBerry starts to buzz. It's another client trying to close on a home purchase.

"It's been like this for the last couple months," says Cocomile, a mortgage broker. "Real estate agents are normally on holiday in the summer, so everyone expected things to slow

"Good gosh, stuff is really selling out there."

John Cocomile

down. But, good gosh, stuff is really selling out there."

He's right. Canadian existing homes sales soared in June, up 17.9 per cent year over year to 54,416

units, according to a report released yesterday by the Canadian Real Estate Association. The national average sale price also reached new heights on a monthly basis, climbing 3.6 per cent year over year to \$326,613.

On a quarterly basis, sales in the second quarter were up 1.4 per cent, marking the first year over year increase in such activ-

ity since 2007.

The numbers beat consensus estimates by analysts and took some market watchers by surprise.

"Canada's housing market looks to have managed the equivalent of the great escape from the clutches of a lengthy, painful downturn," said BMO economist Doug Porter.

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Gas-weighted energy firms expected to lag in Q2 results

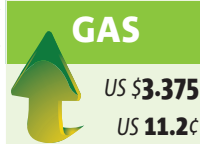
ENERGY Canadian companies whose production is weighted more to oil than natural gas will fare better in their second-quarter results as crude prices have staged a strong recovery.

However, compared with last year's period of soaring oil and gas prices, financial results, which the sector

starts releasing this week, will show the stark impact of the recession on energy demand.

Nexen Inc. is the first large Canadian energy concern out of the gate with its second-quarter results Thursday. Crude oil makes up more than four-fifths of its production.

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Business In brief

TECHNOLOGY The global PC market is set to suffer a rare decline this year, while notebook shipments will surpass desktop sales for the first time, a research firm forecast. Global shipments of PCs are set to drop to 287.3 million units this year, down four per cent from 299.2 million last year, said California-based iSuppli Corp.**CYBERCRIME** The ever-weakening job market could well lead to an increase in online crime as laid-off workers, especially those with computer skills, turn to scams to support them-

selves, Cisco Systems Inc. said yesterday in a security report. Disgruntled workers may target former employers, and Cisco warned that insiders "can be especially damaging for an organization because insiders know security weaknesses."

BAILOUTS Goldman Sachs Group Inc. employees, on average, are within striking distance of \$1 million of compensation and benefits this year, just months after the bank received bailout funds and other support from the government.

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The Service Canada Centre for Youth in Calgary invites you to its Volunteer Fair.

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Blackhawks change GMs

The Chicago Blackhawks removed general manager Dale Tallon from his post yesterday, and promoted assistant GM Stan Bowman to GM.

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Sports

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American League All-Star Curtis Granderson hits a triple during the all-star game at Busch Stadium in St Louis last night. Granderson proved to be the winning run, as the AL won 4-3.

AL extends streak

NL hasn't won all-star game since 1996

ALL-STAR GAME

AL 4, NL 3

Mariano Rivera surpassed Dennis Eckersley for the most saves in all-star game history last night, closing the door for the fourth time as the American League used a late Adam Jones sacrifice fly to down the National League 4-3 extending its unbeaten streak to 13 games.

Jones' eighth-inning sacrifice fly to right plated Detroit's Curtis Granderson, who tripled off the base of the left-field fence earlier in the frame. The American League is now 12-0-1 in the last 13 midsummer classics, and the AL champion will have home field in the World Series.

The American League's unbeaten streak is the longest in the game's history, surpassing the Senior Circuit's 11-game run from

1972-1982. The AL's last loss was a 6-0 decision at Philadelphia's Veterans Stadium in 1996.

Jonathan Papelbon (1-0) pitched a flawless — albeit precarious seventh saved by Carl Crawford's tremendous, homer-saving catch in left — and Joe Nathan worked the eighth in front of Rivera. Crawford's catch and a 1-for-3 effort at the plate earned him the all-star game MVP award.

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Nadal plans Montreal return

TENNIS World No. 2 Rafael Nadal plans to resume training on Monday and return to action at next month's Montreal Masters as he recovers from tendinitis in his knees, according to a statement on his website yesterday. "Rafa Nadal underwent some new medical tests today in Barcelona," the statement said (www.rafaelnadal.com). "He is slowly recovering from his injury, will resume practice next Monday and will reappear at the Montreal event on August 8th," it added.

The Spaniard has been suffering from tendinitis in both knees aggravated by a gruelling schedule of clay court matches and was forced to abandon the defence of his Wimbledon title before the grand slam tournament started.

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Sports in brief

CYCLING Great Britain's Mark Cavendish outspurred Thor Hushovd of Norway to the wire to capture Stage 10 of the 2009 Tour de France, while the top three in cycling's most prestigious event remained the same. Italy's Rinaldo Nocentini maintained his position as the overall leader, just ahead of Spain's Alberto Contador, the 2007 Tour winner. Seven-time champion Lance Armstrong remains third overall, just eight seconds off the lead pace.

BASEBALL The defending champion Philadelphia Phillies are reportedly set to sign veteran right-hander Pedro Martinez. A report on MLB.com revealed the Phillies will announce the signing today, a day after Martinez underwent a physical in Philadelphia.

FOOTBALL The Kansas City Chiefs signed off-season acquisition Matt Cassel to a multi-year contract yesterday. Kansas City traded a second-trade pick

to New England earlier in the off-season in exchange for veteran linebacker Mike Vrabel and Cassel, whom the Patriots slapped with their franchise tag following his impressive 2008 campaign. The 27-year-old was expected to earn \$14.651 million this season. **HOCKEY** The Carolina Hurricanes agreed to terms with right wing Tom Kostopoulos on a three-year contract yesterday that is worth more than \$2.7 million. The 30-year-old tallied eight goals and 14 assists in 78 games with the Montreal Canadiens last season.

SOCCER Argentinean star Carlos Tevez will move to Manchester City after rejecting the chance to stay at Manchester United, where he had spent the last two seasons. Tevez is Manchester City's third major signing of the summer following the arrivals of Gareth Barry and Roque Santa Cruz.

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In the coming weeks Metro's Workology section will be focusing on the part of the entertainment industry that you DON'T see. Backstage Pass will focus on the careers behind the camera and the curtain. So be sure to read Workology and Metronews.ca/work every day.

Workology

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SFU now in the NCAA

The National Collegiate Athletic Association approved Simon Fraser University's application to join the association, making the university the first non-US member of NCAA. Following a two-year "candidacy" period, during which SFU can continue to compete in both the CIS and NCAA, all of the university's varsity teams will compete in the NCAA Division II level starting in the 2011-12 season.

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'Truly a job that lives and breathes'

Backstage Pass

MAT LECOMPTE
for Metro Canada

It's probably one of the most vivid and dynamic theatres around, but rarely

considered when discussing such venues. The playhouse in question is the theatre of the mind.

Likely, this master of imagery gets ignored because there are too many mediums working against it. Television and film provide the images we see, and even the written word is often overly descriptive. Jim Carr, profes-

sor at York University and Seneca College, says there is, however, one medium that truly caters to this unique theatre since its invention: The radio.

"Radio directly plays to the theatre of the mind," says the program co-ordinator of the joint broadcast radio program. "In 20 seconds of sound I can put you in a park in Paris and your image will be different from everyone else's."

He says radio lets people drum up images from their past and utilize them to understand what they're hearing in their own personal way.

"A good radio producer has done their job if they can do that for you," he told Metro.

Producers are responsible for bringing the life, ideas and imagery to radio programs each and every day. Along with the on-air personalities, they orchestrate the soundtrack for millions of listeners.

Ryan Fabro, of Toronto's sports radio station The Fan 590, says a radio producer is the "middleman that makes the whole show work."

Fabro, the producer of Fan shows The Director's Chair and The Game Plan, says it's his job to make sure the research is done, the



Radio producers are responsible for bringing the life, ideas and imagery to radio programs.

guests are lined up and the right callers are selected. He also says it's fun to work on-the-fly. If a good idea or funny line pops into his head, he can feed it to the host(s) to take the show in an interesting new direction.

"Altogether, it's a really fun, satisfying way to work."

The on-the-fly aspect is appealing to Fabro because it gives him the opportunity to think on his feet and be ready for any situation, at any time.

Live radio, specifically live sports radio, requires the right preparation to handle any newsworthy developments that occur.

If a player is traded, it's the producers' job to get on the phone and get a com-

ment from the player or organization. If it's happening in real-time, it needs to be reflected on the air, says Fabro. That means he needs to know who to call, and when.

"You're always trying to get your Rolodex bigger," he says. "If you're not up-to-date, you're useless at your job."

"As the day moves on, everything changes," says Carr. "A day is 24 hours and live radio must be consistently evolving and adapting to bring people what they need to hear. It's truly a job that lives and breathes."

You can catch The Director's Chair on the Fan 590 Monday to Friday from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m., and The

Game Plan from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on the same days.

Fabro also co-hosts The Fantasy Show, airing Sundays at 6 p.m.

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Green outlook

More than 27 per cent of Canadians today would buy an environmentally-friendly car over a dream car, compared to 23 per cent of Americans, a new survey by global market research firm Synovate has found. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Return of diesel Jetta

LORNE DRURY
for Metro Canada

Volkswagen's 2009 Jetta TDI sedan doesn't set any new standards as far as exterior design is concerned; it's what's lurking under the hood that really matters.

The state-of-the-art clean diesel technology available in the Jetta will be THE key selling feature of the new model, which is helping VW achieve sales increases in Canada while most manufacturers have been losing market share.

Volkswagen has a long history with diesels and the Jetta TDI has been one of

its sales leaders over the years. In fact, in 2006 about half of all Jettas sold in Canada had the old 1.9-litre TDI turbo diesel engine. However, changing emissions regulations rendered that engine obsolete and in 2007, VW didn't offer any diesel models.

The new diesel engine not only meets the tougher emissions regulations throughout all of North America, but it also is smoother, quieter, more powerful and more fuel-efficient than the previous diesel.

Gone are the days of the black smoke billowing out of the tailpipe as you drive merrily on your way,



After an absence of more than a year, Volkswagen is back with a cleaner, smoother and more fuel-efficient diesel engine in its 2009 Jetta sedan and wagon.

smugly telling the world that you're getting great fuel economy with your diesel, while at the same time adding piles of CO2 to the atmosphere.

Gone too is the "clatter" previously associated with diesel engines — at speed up you can barely hear the

engine sound although it is audible at start up.

A plus with the new 2.0-litre engine is the extra power that comes without sacrificing fuel economy. The new engine produces 140 hp and 235 lb/ft of torque, compared with 100 hp and 177 lb/ft with the

previous model. That added grunt comes in handy when accelerating onto the highway or in passing mode.

As for fuel economy, the numbers are impressive — 6.8L/100 km city and 4.9L/100 km highway with the six-speed DSG auto-

2009 VW Jetta TDI

Type: Two door mid-size sedan

Price: \$24,275-\$29,775

Engine: 2.0-litre turbocharged four-cylinder diesel (140 hp 235 lb/ft)

Highlights

- Smoother and quieter than previous diesel Jettas
- Impressive fuel economy

matic transmission. A six-speed manual gets slightly better fuel economy still.

While the Jetta is clearly a leader on the technological side, styling-wise it's a fairly bland offering. Unlike the eye-catching look of its Passat CC sibling, the Jetta TDI blends in with the crowd.

Similarly, the interior is a functional yet dull Plain Jane gray on gray colour. However, all knobs and gauges are easy to use and within reach, while the seats are comfortable.

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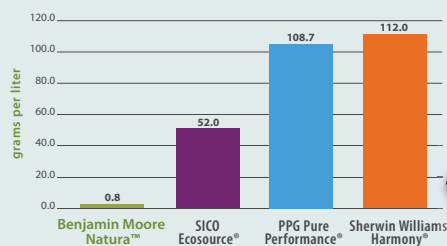


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Vancouver's city council has unanimously approved new regulations that will require electric vehicle charging stations in new condominium and apartment buildings, according to the Green Car Congress. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

View from the infinitely adjustable seat

AutoPilot

Michael Goetz

metronews.ca/autopilot

I recently tried out the new Mercedes-Benz E Class Coupe and liked it. My butt was particularly impressed.

That is one fine seat. It features a unique sculpted shape, beautiful leather, lovely cross stitching, and 10-way power adjustments for positioning — plus four other power adjustments to make you even more comfortable.

Those extra four dials located on the inboard side of the front seats can inflate and deflate six different bladders; there's one set for the side bolsters in the seat cushion, another set for the side bolsters in the lower seat back, and two individual ones for lumbar.

Crank up all the bolsters and the seat hugs your backside like a body suit.

The lumbar feature is equally powerful; at one point it may have adjusted my prostate.

Of course, like a lot of luxury car seats, the seats also offer heating and cooling functions. (One of my favourite things to do with unsuspecting passengers in warm weather, is secretly turn their seats to low heat and see if they're the type that figures it out right away, or the type that just keeps squirming.)

We've obviously come a long way, from the bench seats of yore.

I'm not suggesting we go

back to those vinyl wonders, but one wonders if the most comfortable, adjustable chair you get to sit in any given day should be the one in the 4,000-pound device that uses premium unleaded? Aren't we trying to get people out of the car a little bit? And we wonder why people keep choosing the drive-thru at Tim Horton's, even when it takes longer than the walk-in option.

The other thing that gets me about these infinitely adjustable seats, is that you spend an inordinate time



The plush seats of the Mercedes-Benz E Class Coupe get Michael Goetz thinking about the trappings of luxurious technology.

fiddling with the adjustments. With so many settings, you feel that seating

utopia is suddenly possible, so you adjust and adjust and adjust ... but you never

get to that place of backside enlightenment... it's just a mirage in the desert.

And when you think you're JUST THERE, you make one small adjustment to the recline angle, which begets one more small adjustment to the seat cushion tilt, which begets one more small adjustment in the lumbar, which suddenly makes everything ALL WRONG, which begets you to gnaw the steering wheel.

This exercise reminds me of what you go through when a waiter or waitress

tops up your coffee cup. You now have to figure out what precise increments of sugar and cream to add. With no reference point any more it's all a guessing game — one you usually lose.

But don't let my seat issues detract from your enjoyment of the continuing evolution of the automotive seat. Please, adjust away!

Michael Goetz has been writing about cars and editing automotive publications for more than 20 years. He lives in Toronto with his family and a neglected 1967 Jaguar E-type.

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Mazdaspeed3 pricing announced

NEW MODEL In Canadian dealerships this month, the second-generation Mazdaspeed3, one of the fastest front-wheel drive cars available, has been priced at \$32,995.

The 2010 Mazdaspeed3 is born from the expressive and dynamic design of the Mazda3 Sport hatchback but is differentiated by its Mazdaspeed exclusive front and rear bumpers, front fenders, scooped hood, rear spoiler, interior trim and fabric.

The model will be offered in Velocity Red, Crystal White Pearl, Celestial Blue Mica and Black Mica paint colours.

It features a series of improvements including its engine — the acclaimed MZR 2.3L DISI Turbo producing 263 hp at 5,500 rpm and 280 ft/lb of torque at 3,000 rpm, and its specially-designed six-speed manual transmission.

FROM CARGUIDE

Watching what to eat on the road

JUSTIN PRITCHARD
for Metro Canada

Concerned about drowsiness at the wheel? As the road trip season is upon us, some planning for meals and beverages can help keep your focus and attention on high-alert. Justin Pritchard asks Dr. Jennifer Strong, a member of the Canadian Association of Naturopathic Doctors, for the scoop on what not to eat when planning an hours-long road trip.

Q Driving requires one to be alert and energetic — not tired or

drowsy. If you're planning a nine-hour drive in a single day, are there certain foods to avoid eating?

A Foods to avoid would be anything that is hard to digest, or anything high in simple sugars. This includes greasy, fatty meals, which can leave you feeling in need of a nap afterwards.

High sugar foods like candy, chocolate and slushies are good for an immediate sugar rush, but you'll have a 'sugar crash' after, and feel even more tired than before.

Tryptophan is found in most meat and dairy products. It's an amino acid

known to make you feel a little drowsy if consumed in large quantities — so avoid gobbling down multiple double-cheeseburgers on the go.

Q Are there certain foods that can promote alertness and focus on a long trip?

A Nothing substitutes for a good night's rest the evening before. Then, the goal on the road should be to maintain a normal blood sugar level. Foods that have adequate amounts of complex carbohydrates and natural sugars are ideal.

These include nuts and dried fruit, trail-mix, gra-

nola, fresh fruit, whole grain cereals for munching, low fat string cheese, and veggie slices.

Q What about the timing of a meal before or during a drive?

A You'll be in a seated, sedentary position, so not many calories will be expended. Therefore, small snacks every three hours or so are ideal to maintain normal blood-sugar levels.

Plan ahead and pack your food in a cooler, as opposed to being stuck with fast food. Planning meals and snacks ahead of time allows people to more easily make healthy



If you planning to do a long road-trip this summer, it might be wise to think about what you will eat before and during the trip.

choices. Plus, your snacks are available to you at all times without waiting.

Lastly, don't hold back on the fluids. It may be tempting to drink less on the road to reduce bathroom stops, but it's important to be hydrated in or-

der to remain alert and avoid headaches.

Hunger pains can often be "thirst pains" — so before you reach for the snack, take a drink of water and wait a few minutes to see if that satisfies you.

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Audi TTS a fine work of art

If God is in the details,
this is one holy drop-top

PETER BLEAKNEY
for Metro Canada



For 2009, Audi is offering a considerably hotter version of its 2.0L TFSI direct-injection turbo-four powered TT dubbed the TTS. Available in both coupe (\$57,600) and Roadster (\$61,900), horsepower count jumps from 200 to 265, and torque sees an increase of 51 lb.-ft. to 258 at 2500 r.p.m.

All TTS are equipped with upgraded quattro all-wheel-drive, a six-speed S-Tronic twin-clutch manual transmission and S-specific tuned adaptive magnetic ride suspension. Visually, you can spot a TTS by its 10mm lowered ride height, unique 18" wheels, chrome-look mesh grill, bi-xenon headlights, dual twin tail pipes, aluminum-look mirrors and

2009 Audi TTS Roadster

Type: Sports car
Price: from \$61,900
Engine: Turbocharged 2.0L DOHC four-cylinder
Power: 265 hp @ 6,000 rpm; 258 lb.-ft. of torque @ 2,500 rpm

Highlights

- Effortless speed
- Exquisite looks

black brake calipers.

There's no question this car is a stunner, and its beauty is more than skin deep. The 2009 TTS Roadster beat out the refreshed Mercedes-Benz SLK and Mitsubishi Eclipse Spyder to capture Best New Convertible category at the 2008 TestFest.

But is it a real sports car? My wife and I took our red specimen on a two day tour of northwest Ontario



to find out.

With maximum torque arriving at 2500 rpm, the TTS can get caught flat-footed in the lower rev range, but once the turbo spools up this red rocket truly flies. The six-speed S-Tronic twin-clutch box is a delight. It shifts smoothly on its own, but the real fun is

in using the paddle shifters to flick through the gears, hearing the rev matching on downshifts, and the cute little woofs on upshifts.

However, compared to the benchmark Porsche Boxster (starting at \$58,400), it's not quite there. The steering lacks the Porsche's wonderfully

tactile feel, and the chassis, while undeniably capable, doesn't communicate or respond like the mid-engined Boxster.

Get back to the touring side of the equation, and the TTS excels. The standard adaptive magnetic ride sports suspension serves up a pleasant and controlled

ride, the bolstered sport seats proved comfy over the long haul, and the \$1350 Bose audio upgrade with XM sounded fab. Add in the \$1500 Enhanced Leather Package, and every aspect of this exquisite cabin is a visual and tactile delight. If God is in the details, this is one holy drop-top.

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Travel

No more rock-climbing?

A controversial Australian government proposal could stop people from climbing the famed Uluru — formerly known as Ayers Rock — in deference to the wishes of local Aborigine people, for whom the 348-metre rock is sacred. Uluru, known for its shifting red-ochre colours, is a top tourist draw: each year, it gets 350,000 visitors, half of them from overseas, and is climbed by more than 100,000 visitors. **REUTERS**



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Travellers have triple the risk of blood clots, study shows

HEALTH RISK People who travel have nearly triple the normal risk of developing a dangerous blood clot, with a measurable increase for every two hours spent sitting in a car or wedged into an airline seat, researchers have reported.

They said the risk is serious enough to merit research into better ways to keep travellers healthy, although not severe enough to justify giving airline passengers anti-clotting drugs.

Dr. Divya Chandra and colleagues at Harvard University in Boston looked specifically at venous thromboembolism — the development of a blood clot in a vein, usually in the legs. Blood clots can also cause strokes and heart attacks when they form in arteries but VTEs can cause local damage or travel to the lung and kill.

Chandra's team did what is called a meta-analysis, pooling results of many studies. They found 14 studies involving 4,000 patients that met their criteria. "Our findings demonstrate for the first time a clear association between travel and VTE," they wrote in their report, published in the *Annals of Internal Medicine*. Women who are pregnant or take birth control pills and the obese have an especially high risk, they found. The absolute risk is one case in every 4,600 airline trips. They noted some studies have shown no risk of blood clots but said the way those studies were done could be questioned. **REUTERS**



Left, in this file photo, swan uppers check the well-being of cygnets and swans during the annual Swan Upping, an event which takes place during the third week of July on the River Thames near Windsor in London. Right, swan uppers row in ceremonial style to their next destination.



Taking stock of the royal swans

In July, Swan Upping is a tradition on the Thames

Quiet please — the Queen is preparing to have her swans counted.

Buckingham Palace has announced that the annual Swan Upping, a tradition dating back to the 12th century, which involves a

census of the swan population on the River Thames, will be conducted by the Queen's official Swan Marker from July 20 to 24.

"With the assistance of the Queen's Swan Warden, Professor Christopher Perrins of the University of Oxford, the swans and young cygnets are also assessed for any signs of injury or disease," Buckingham Palace said in announcing the count.

The process involves the Swan Marker, David Bar-

ber, rowing up the Thames for five days with the Swan Warden in traditional skiffs while wearing special scarlet uniforms and counting, weighing and measuring swans and cygnets.

It may seem eccentric, but it is very important to the Queen. According to custom, Britain's sovereign owns all unmarked, mute swans in open water, but the Queen now exercises the right only on stretches of the Thames and its near-

by tributaries.

In medieval times, the Swan Marker would not only travel up the river counting swans, but would catch as many as possible as they were sought-after for feasts.

This year, the Swan Marker and the Swan Warden are particularly keen to discover how much damage is being caused to swans and cygnets by attacks from dogs and from discarded fishing tackle.

It is also an important

year because Queen Elizabeth has decided to join her team of Swan Uppers for part of the census.

She will follow them up the river and visit a local school project on the whole subject of swans, cygnets and the Thames.

"Education and conservation are essential to the role of Swan Upping and the involvement of school children is always a rewarding experience," Buckingham Palace said. **REUTERS**

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Thailand is marketing itself as a recession-friendly golf destination to help rescue its floundering tourism industry. North Americans find their usual golfing holidays in Scotland and Ireland are too expensive this year are going to Thailand instead. **REUTERS**



Volunteers stand to form the shape of a smile at Place Vendôme in Paris on July 12. Paris, the world's top tourist destination, is using the slogan "Paris smiles for you!" to welcome visitors.

Parisians! Start smiling for the tourists, please

Officials try to counter poll that named Paris most overrated city

Faced with a fall in tourist numbers due to the financial crisis and a reputation for unfriendliness, the Paris tourist board has made a simple request to the city's residents: smile.

Visitors to Paris, the world's most visited city, have fallen 17 per cent since January compared with the same period in 2008, official figures show.

To counter the slump and boost revenues, the tourist board has set up

stands manned by teams of "smile ambassadors" to welcome holiday makers at the city's most popular spots.

As if to heed its call, hundreds of roller-skaters formed a giant smile in Place Vendôme in the city centre on Sunday. "We have to work on striking and simple images. There's nothing as telling as a smile," said Paul Roll, who heads the tourist board.

In May, a questionnaire carried out by travel site TripAdvisor found Paris to be the most over-rated city in Europe, citing its high prices and unpleasant residents.

Daniel Fasquelle, founder of a tourism association, said that French from all walks of life needed to play

"It's the American tourist lost in Paris that we inform politely, it's the English person looking for the way in northern France who we don't get impatient with by honking our car horns." Daniel Fasquelle

their part.

"If we want tourism, which has generated more than two million jobs, to remain a major economic sector, everyone has to get behind it — professionals, elected representatives, and French people," he said.

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Paris is doing more than trying to make its residents smile to draw in more visitors. It is now possible to enjoy a virtual visit of the Champs-Élysées, the so-called "most beautiful avenue in the world," on the ChampsElysees.org.

Plans for a string of new luxury hotels are also in the pipeline, and Secretary of State for Tourism, Hervé Novelli, is counting on a cut in taxes for the restaurant industry, which just came into force, to boost tourism.

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Udaipur voted world's best city for travellers

INDIA The Indian city of Udaipur, known as the Venice of the East, was voted the world's best city for travellers in 2009 in an online poll by Travel + Leisure magazine, trumping last year's winner Bangkok.

The island of Bali in Indonesia topped the Galapagos to be named best island in the annual poll, in which casual and laid-back destinations prevailed.

Magazine readers also voted Bushmans Kloof Cedar Mountains, in South Africa, as the world's top hotel while Singapore Airlines grabbed the best airline award again.

Nancy Novogrod, editor-in-chief of Travel + Leisure said this year's poll reflected changing travel interests in a challenging economy, with Udaipur, famous for its canals and palaces, a current tourist favourite for well-heeled Westerners.

"Value, intimacy, service, and discovery are top priorities. As for that so-last-August-sounding word,

luxury, it's all about enclaves that shelter stealth wealth," she said in a statement.

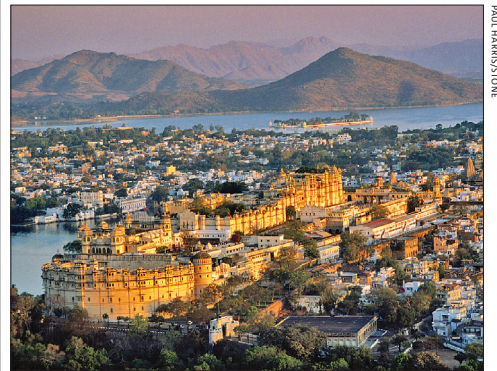
Novogrod said dramatically sited outposts ranging from Jade Mountain in St. Lucia to San Ysidro Ranch in California featured highly this year.

Value ratings for a number of top-ranked cities — Udaipur, Cape Town, Bangkok, Buenos Aires, Chiang Mai, and Luang Prabang — were sky-high while other far-flung cities also made a strong showing. However, favourites such as New York City, Florence, Rome, and San Francisco remained in the top 10 overall.

The results were compiled from votes by magazine subscribers in an Internet poll which went live between January and March. Travel + Leisure will honour winners on July 21 in New York.

The complete "World's Best Awards" is available on travelandleisure.com.

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A view over the city of Udaipur in Rajasthan, India, showing Pichola Lake and City Palace.

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Insuring the weather

Sun-seekers whose holidays are spoiled by at least four days of rain in any one week could be reimbursed after two French travel agencies, Pierre et Vacances and FranceLoc, launched insurance cover for unwanted interruptions to the sunshine. **REUTERS**

'Green' Asia hotels take the guilt out of luxury stays

SINGAPORE Who says you can't have it all? An Asian hotelier is offering luxury, boutique resorts at idyllic destinations and their carbon footprint is small, too.

Singapore-based Alila Hotels and Resorts, which has properties in the Maldives, Thailand, Laos and Indonesia, is one of a handful of hoteliers in the Asia Pacific region that are leading in sustainable tourism, according to independent industry environmental advisory group EC3 Global.

Sustainable tourism aims to make travellers aware of their impact on the environment, both natural and cultural, of their destination, and spans everything from hotel design and construction to what is served on the menu.

The Alila Villas Uluwatu in Bali, Indonesia, which opened last month, was designed and built according to EC3 Global's Green Globe benchmark, and is one of three Alila hotels in Bali. The older properties also have green programmes.

"We believe in creating something unique that supports the local environment, and on having very little impact on that environment," said Sean Brennan, general manager of the Alila Villas Uluwatu.

REUTERS

Pushing ahead Venice's first female gondolier



The first certified female gondolier, Giorgia Boscolo, poses on a gondola after passing her exams in Venice. Boscolo, 23, is a married mother of two, and her father Dante is also a gondolier.

Top legendary bars

Bars, pubs, and taverns of the world can hold as much history as any museum and present as much drama as any theatre. Members and editors of travel website VirtualTourist.com have come up with a list of the world's 10 most legendary bars.

1 Harry's Bar, Venice:

Since opening in 1931, Harry's Bar has been frequented by famous people such as Ernest Hemingway, Truman Capote, Noel Coward, Orson Wells, Charlie Chaplin, and Peggy Guggenheim. The bar also claims credit for inventing the Bellini and Carpaccio.

2 The Blind Beggar, London:

The Blind Beggar in Whitechapel, built in 1894, is known as the site on which The Salvation Army started but became even more notorious when, in 1966, London gangster Ronnie Kray shot rival George Cornell as he sat at the bar.

3 White Horse Tavern, New York City:

A favourite of New York's literati set, The White Horse has seen everyone from Jack Kerouac to Norman Mailer pass through its doors but is perhaps best known as being the bar that served the 18 whiskeys said to have killed Dylan Thomas. **REUTERS**

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British comedian Russell Brand will return to host the MTV Video Music Awards, which promises to have performances all over Manhattan, including Radio City Music Hall. Taylor Swift and British rockers Muse will perform. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Entertainment

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Promoter wants Jacksons to sing at U.K. tribute gig

The company behind Michael Jackson's planned comeback said he wanted to stage a one-off tribute concert in the city featuring members of the late pop star's family.



Jackson

to the This Is It shows.

AEG Live chief executive Randy Phillips said yesterday he was hopeful of holding the tribute gig in London on Aug. 29.

"The number one item I'm discussing is presenting This Is It the production, hopefully with the Jacksons and may be Janet, and other artists," Phillips said. "What we're thinking about is one massive tribute that's broadcast around the globe."

REUTERS

Potter takes dark turn

Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince

Director: David Yates

Stars: Daniel Radcliffe, Emma Watson

Classification: PG

Rating: @@@

CHRIS ALEXANDER
for Metro Canada

REVIEW If the fanciful world of Harry Potter were real, any parent who opted to send their kids to Hogwarts would need to have their head examined.

For why would any rational person allow their child to attend a school where lethal poisons are part of the curriculum, where the recreational sport is a brutal form of football played 100 feet in the air on flying broomsticks, and where an evil, homicidal monster attacks the student body at the climax of every school year?

This critic has never been able to get past this conceit but what do I know, really...

Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince, the sixth film based on author J.K. Rowling's phenomenally popular series of young adult novels is, as advertised, a leaner, meaner and far darker entry than 2007's Order of the Phoenix. But higher stakes and grimmer themes aside, this is ultimately just another Potter picture, as good and as flawed as any of them.

"Chosen One" Harry Potter (Daniel Radcliffe) returns to Hogwarts for yet another fun-filled run of sweaty palmed teen angst



Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince is the sixth film based on author J.K. Rowling's series of books.

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older cast is first rate.

But the big issue I have with the Potter flicks is that they are almost entirely reliant on fans familiarity with the source novels and, in being almost scientifically faithful to those texts, they never feel like fully developed works in their own right.

Half-Blood Prince feels too long, yet far too underdeveloped to support its labyrinthine narrative and character arcs and is occasionally incomprehensible. Dramatic scene after effects soaked set piece follow each other, making the whole enterprise akin to a sort of "greatest hits" of the book.

Still, hardcore fans will likely eat it up. Casual viewers, maybe not so much.

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First baby on the way

Victoria's Secret model Karolina Kurkova is pregnant. "Supermodel and actress Karolina Kurkova and her fiancé, film producer Archie Drury, have announced that they are expecting their first child," her rep says. USMAGAZINE.COM



International appeal

Meaghan wins, Calgary's Nikita knocked out first

BRIAN COULTON
for Metro Canada

Meaghan Waller doesn't know where she found the gusto to stomp it out so powerfully in the final runway show on Canada's Next Top Model.

But the competition's newly crowned winner said the final challenge that propelled her to victory was the most amazing experience of her life.

"It was like a euphoria, with all the lights and cheering," said Winnipeg's Waller in the Toronto Fashion District office of her new representation, Elmer Olsen Model Management. "I'm pretty much on cloud nine."

Last night's finale began with the three finalists partaking in their last photo shoot — a bold solo cover image for Fashion Magazine. Nikita Kiceluk of Calgary, Alta., appeared to have the upper hand, having been praised earlier for her strong editorial look.

And while Waller's appearance is comparably softer than her competitors, she received largely positive feedback by the creative team on set.

However, it was Edmonton's Lindsay Willier, donning a straight-on smile in her image, who ended up capturing the client's favour, winning the challenge and securing her spot in the final two.

And despite her past performance, Kiceluk crumbled in front of the judges, who continued to contend a self-deprecating front was holding the hopeful back from exuding the confidence required in the modelling industry.

"She plays it off as though she's the most confident girl you would meet, but I always think there's something underlying," said Waller. "You can't be that confident."

Instead, the panel selected Waller to join Willier in a final runway showdown that would determine the competition's winner.



Canada's Next Top Model winner Meaghan Waller says modelling is more than "just a pretty face."

In a runway show for fashion design team The Blonds, the dressed-up duo competed for the attention of the judges, who evaluated them from the audience's front row.

Willier's past runway acclaim was maintained during the show, as she marched strong and focused. But Waller wowed the judges with an unex-

pectedly powerful walk they hadn't seen from her before.

When the judges were forced to choose between the women who had appeared to perform equally well, tempers took hold and tears streamed. But it was Waller's perceived international appeal that inched her ahead of Willier, to win the third cycle of the competition.

"I think I ended up winning in the end because I'm a fresh face, I'm new to the industry and something people haven't seen before," said Waller. "I'm very versatile and will hopefully be a very good role model."

With her newfound publicity, Waller said she aims to raise awareness for many causes including cancer research, having had several loved ones affected by the disease.

"I want to make it known that modelling is not just a pretty face in a couple of photo shoots. It's a lot more than that."

Fawcett's friend to release diaries from her last years

BOOK A close friend of late Charlie's Angels star Farrah Fawcett will publish her personal diaries about the actress' three-year struggle with cancer next month.

My Journey with Farrah: A Story of Life, Love and Friendship, by Alana Stewart, will come out on Aug. 11 — less than two months after Fawcett succumbed to anal cancer on June 25. The book is thought to be the first insider's look at Fawcett's illness.

Stewart, the ex-wife of rocker Rod Stewart and a friend of Fawcett's for 30 years, said she was encouraged to go into print by Fawcett herself and by Ryan O'Neal, the Love Story movie star who was Fawcett's long time com-

panion.

"Farrah had originally encouraged me to write this book. It was her idea. However, while I was contemplating my decision, her health took a turn for the worse, and I could no longer seek her advice," Stewart said in a statement.

"So I turned to Ryan O'Neal. He was so positive and so supportive. 'You have to do it,' he said emphatically. 'There will be lots of people writing books about her. Yours will be the truth, and it will be a wonderful tribute to her. You have to do it!'", she said. A portion of the proceeds will go to the Farrah Fawcett Foundation to support cancer research.

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In brief

ONLINE Fans of HBO shows such as the Sopranos and The Wire can now watch them online if they are Comcast Corp subscribers, in the latest move by the cable TV industry to make TV programs available on the Web. Both Comcast and HBO parent Time Warner Inc

are leading the U.S. TV industry with initiatives called On Demand Online and TV Everywhere designed to help cable and satellite TV providers authenticate paying subscribers who choose to watch shows on the Web.

REUTERS

Archer: Comedy of cartoon spies

SERIES X is making a rare foray into animation with a new comedy series from Adam Reed, the cable network's first cartoon in 10 years. Tentatively titled Archer, the series is set at an international spy agency whose highly trained employees constantly confuse, undermine and betray one another.

Big Valley headed to the big screen

ADAPTATION The 1960s TV Western The Big Valley will be revisited as a feature film. The series, which ran on ABC from 1965-69, starred Barbara Stanwyck as the matriarch of a ranching clan in California's San Joaquin Valley in the 1870s. Lee Majors and Linda Evans were among the stars.

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Kenya's Style

Kenya Hunt

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critics' corner

South Park

Poor Stan. Wendy doesn't want to be his girlfriend anymore, and he's crushed. To cheer him up, his friends take him to Rains, a restaurant that bears a striking resemblance to Hooters but with much younger waitresses. It doesn't work, so Stan tries hanging out with the Goth kids instead. Butters, meanwhile, mistakes one waitress's friendliness for True Love. Something tells us this won't end well. 10:30 PM on COM



Throwing Stones

It's sort of a Canadian "Steel Magnolias" — but the curling in this comedy pilot takes place in a rink, not a hair salon. It's the story of four working-class women in Winnipeg who find a common bond as members of a ladies curling club. Oscar winner Patty Duke leads a cast that includes Lolita Davidovich ("ZOS: Zone of Separation"), Caroline Neron ("Traders"), Stephanie Mills ("Rumours") and Barbara Radecki ("Getting Along Famously"). 9 PM on CBRT

Scarlett Johansson's first advert campaign for Mango has been released, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The Hollywood beauty sizzles in a series of sultry images for the Spanish retailer's Autumn/Winter 09 collection. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

Big birthday bust

WHAT A NICE GUY Tony Romo picked quite the day to call it quits with longtime girlfriend Jessica Simpson. The NFL quarterback reportedly dumped the singer the night before her big, Barbie and Ken-themed birthday bash, which she promptly-

ly cancelled.

"Jess was too heartbroken to have a big bash," a source tells Gatecrasher. The reason for the split was simple, says another source: "Jessica was ready to settle down, and Tony was not."

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Beckham backs off Jolie ad

AVOIDING THE DOG HOUSE David Beckham has refused to star in an advert with Angelina Jolie because he is married, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The British soccer star doesn't want to upset his spouse by posing for an Emporio Ar-

mani underwear campaign with the stunning Hollywood star, who is in a relationship with Brad Pitt. He told TV show Extra: "You know she wouldn't do it and I wouldn't do it."

"At the end of the day, I wouldn't do it because I'm married."

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Janet wants the children

FIGHT FOR CUSTODY Janet Jackson wants custody of Michael Jackson's three children, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The late star had reportedly discussed his wishes for his kids — Prince Michael I, 12, Paris, 11, and Prince Michael II, 7, known as Blanket — in the event of his death and was even planning to draft a new will to amend custody details. A source said: "There was a lot of rifts in the family, but Janet was

the one person he spoke to regularly and he made sure the children kept in touch with her too.

"Ultimately, he wanted Janet to look after the children, with help from his mother Katherine, and was planning to draft a new will to reflect those wishes."

Janet has the support of her siblings in taking over as primary caregiver.

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Partying could ruin my music

IS THAT A BAD THING? Katy Perry refuses to overdo it when she's partying — because she's worried it will ruin her pop career, femalefirst.co.uk reports. "I've seen too many people live that way and almost wreck their careers ... These days I see the wisdom in having a good night's sleep."

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Fox slams her movie

BUT THE MONEY IS NICE Megan Fox can't seem to stop herself from slamming her new film, Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen. "I forced myself to sit down for Transformers 2," Fox says, according to the Sun. "I shot an entire glass of champagne so that I could get through it."

METRO WORLD NEWS

Back and better than ever?

ISLAND REHAB Amy Winehouse is back. She arrived in the U.K. from St. Lucia Monday, looking initially tearful to be home, but healthier than she has for ages, people.com reports. Winehouse, 25, who has

been in the Caribbean island for much of the year is planning on catching up with friends and working on her new music. But most noticeable is her improved complexion and fuller

figure.

"She is good. She has been looking after herself," says a friend. "She did a lot of exercise and she has been eating better. Look at her — she is not what she was."

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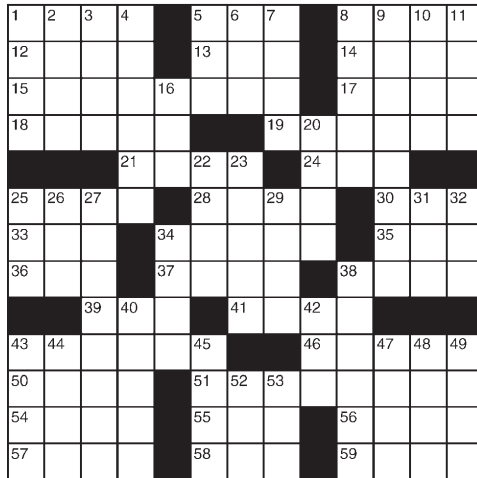


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| 13 Pint in a pub | 35 Historic time | 55 Big bother |
| 14 Crucifix | 36 Solidify | 56 Men-only |
| 15 Looker | 37 Valhalla VIP | 57 Pianist Dame Myra |
| 17 North Sea feeder | 38 Mulligan, for one | 58 Infinitesimal |
| 18 Actor Davis | 39 "CSI" find | 59 "Bonanza" role |
| 19 Connective tissue | 41 Moist | |
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| 2 Cambodia neighbor | 22 Jell-O creation | 42 Kitten's call |
| 3 Perches | 23 Duck | 43 Leave a good impression? |
| 4 Store fodder | 25 Trail behind | 44 Old woman's home? |
| 5 Water (Fr.) | 26 Time of your life? | 45 Spring occurrence |
| 6 2003 Will Ferrell movie | 27 Deli assortment | 47 Sgt. Snorkel's dog |
| 7 Remaining | 29 Sicilian spouter | 48 Carrots' partners |
| 8 Where the action is | 31 "You — There" | 49 Work units |
| 9 Strong apprehension | 32 Uncivilized | 52 Praise in verse |
| 10 Bum | 34 Wild porker | 53 Pirouette pivot |
| 11 Paradise | 38 1984 Tom Hanks movie | |
| 16 Afternoon social | | |

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:



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| Under 13 min Genius | 17-21 min Smart |
| 13-17 min Scholar | 21-25 min Not bad |
| | 25+ min Keep practising |

Metro Recipe of the Day



Spicy Crab with Chili Mayo

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 green chilli pepper
- 1 small green pepper
- 1 small red onion
- 3 scallions
- 4 dressed crabs in their shells, to yield 1 lb (500 g) crab meat
- 3 oz (85 g) ricotta cheese
- Salt and black pepper
- 1 1/4 cups (300 ml) French mayonnaise
- 1 tsp (5 ml) dried chili flakes
- 4 slices of white bread

METHOD:

1. Rinse, dry, deseed and finely slice peppers. Halve, peel and thinly slice red onion. Rinse, dry, trim and slice scallions, including some of green parts, and put all into mixing bowl.
2. Take crab meat out of shells and add to mixing bowl with ricotta cheese,

stirring until well combined. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

3. Stir chili flakes into mayonnaise and season with salt and pepper if necessary. Place in serving bowl and set aside.
4. Toast bread, quarter into triangles, and arrange on serving platter. Pile crab mixture in centre and place bowl of chili mayonnaise on one side.
5. Let each person help themselves to crab mixture, spreading on toast and topping with chili-flavoured mayonnaise.

SERVES 4



Horoscopes by Sally Brompton

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ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
Little things will annoy you today and you will snap at people who move too slow for your liking.



TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Minor setbacks are just that — minor — so don't get worked up about them. A positive attitude is a must if you are going to overcome obstacles today.



LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Someone in a position of authority won't take kindly to you pointing out where they've gone wrong, but do so anyway.



SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
Don't be too eager to draw conclusions from limited information. Just because the facts point in a single direction does not mean it's right.



GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
You could lose out if you let someone persuade you that what their heart says should be allowed to overrule what your head is telling you.



CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Other people's demands are simply too much and the sooner you let them know you have no intention of giving in to them, the better.



SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
A personal matter you were hoping to keep secret will become common knowledge today and you won't be pleased.



CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
Common sense is a commodity that appears to be in short supply at the moment, so don't expect others to see things as clearly as you.



LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
Everyone seems to be running around in a blind panic at the moment. Why? It's not as if the current crisis — so-called — is something new.



AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
You expect so much of yourself that, inevitably, you sometimes fall short and feel like a failure. Jupiter in your sign is once again raising your ambitions.



VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
You are allowed to disagree with the powers that be and you are allowed to express your opinions in any way and at any level you see fit.



PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20
The Sun remains in the most dynamic area of your chart just one more week and you should make use of it to succeed at a creative project.



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